

Bus registered as a Motor Home

Must meet definitions as follows:

"Motor home" means a motor vehicle designed as an integral unit to be used as a conveyance upon the public streets and highways and for use as a temporary or recreational dwelling and **having at least four, two of which shall be systems specified in subparagraphs (1), (4), or (5) of this paragraph, of the following permanently installed systems which meet American national standards institute and national fire protection association standards in effect on the date of manufacture:**

- (1) Cooking facilities.
- (2) Ice box or mechanical refrigerator.
- (3) Potable water supply including plumbing and a sink with faucet either self-contained or with connections for an external source, or both.
- (4) Self-contained toilet or a toilet connected to a plumbing system with connection for external water disposal, or both.
- (5) Heating or air conditioning system or both, separate from the vehicle engine or the vehicle engine electrical system.
- (6) A one hundred ten - one hundred fifteen volt alternating current electrical system separate from the vehicle engine electrical system either with its own power supply or with a connection for an external source, or both, or a liquefied petroleum system and supply.

Driver must have valid operators license if used solely for personal or family use.

Commercial Drivers License (CDL) if over 15 passenger, or 26000lb GVWR or Chauffeurs if driver is compensated

Vehicle must follow all Iowa laws pertaining to motor vehicle safety.

Open container is allowed as follows:

321.284A Open containers in motor vehicles - passengers.

1. A passenger in a motor vehicle upon a public street or highway shall not possess in the passenger area of the motor vehicle an open or unsealed bottle, can, jar, or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage. "Passenger area" means the area of a motor vehicle designed to seat the driver and passengers while the motor vehicle is in operation and any area that is readily accessible to the driver or a passenger while in their seating positions, including the glove compartment. An open or unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage may be transported in the trunk of the motor vehicle. An unsealed receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage may be transported behind the last upright seat of the motor vehicle if the motor vehicle does not have a trunk.
2. This section does not apply to a passenger being transported in a motor vehicle designed, maintained, or used primarily for the transportation of persons for

compensation, or a passenger being transported in the living quarters of a motor home, manufactured or mobile home, travel trailer, or fifth-wheel travel trailer.

If Motor Home is owned or operated by a bike club or other commercial entity it must comply with all Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR) CFR 49.

If owner or operator receives compensation for transportation of persons or property, proper Travel authority must be obtained.

Private Bus requirements:

Chauffeurs license required when driver is compensated or GVWR is 16001-26000lbs.

Commercial Drivers License (CDL) if over 15 passenger, or 26000lb GVWR

Bus must be registered for empty weight plus 150lbs per seating capacity at a minimum or gross weight which ever is more.

Buses owned by bike clubs or other commercial entities must comply with FMCSR CFR 49 Saftey regulations.

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Buses and Trucks for Hire transporting passengers and, or property.

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Class D chauffeurs license for Iowa residents.

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Example of CDL, class A,B or C with passenger endorsement.

Bus must be registered for empty weight plus 150lbs per seating capacity at a minimum or gross weight which ever is more.

Owner or operator must obtain proper intrastate or interstate travel authority.

Carriers must obtain US DOT number and apply for travel authority in Iowa for intrastate transportation and with FMCSA for interstate travel. See list of contacts.

Carriers must comply with all FMCSR CFR 49.

These regulations for safety include items such as annual inspection, proper exhaust, emergency exits, fire extinguisher, emergency triangles, proper lighting, tires, all other parts and accessories. Drivers medical card Drug and alcohol testing. Log book for hours of service etc....

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List of Contacts

Iowa Dept of Transportation
Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement
1-800-925-6469
View Iowa Truck Information Guide on web site
Major Evans
Motor Coach Enforcement
www.iamvd.com/omve/

Iowa Dept of Transportation
Office of Motor Carrier Services
Travel Authority
515-237-3224
www.iamvd.com/omcs/

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
515-233-7400
Apply on line for DOT number and Interstate Travel Authority
www.fmcsa.dot.gov/